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TO AMEMBASSY KINSHASA IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT ZAIRE

1. IT MAY BE MORE EFFECTIVE FOR SECRETARY TO REMAIN IN DAR ES SALAAM THROUGH THE NIGHT OF THE 21ST. UNFORTUNATELY, HE IS NOT REPEAT NOT YET ABLE TO DETERMINE WITH ANY GREAT PRECISION WHETHER THIS WILL BE NECESSARY IN THE END, AND MAY NOT BE ABLE TO DO SO UNTIL THE MORNING OF THE 21ST. IF THIS CHANGE IN SCHEDULE IS REQUIRED, HOWEVER, SECRETARY WONDERS IF HE WOULD BE ABLE TO SLIDE HIS MEETINGS WITH MOBUTU TO THE 22ND AND 23RD (THAT IS, ARRIVE KINSHASA LATE AFTERNOON OR EARLY EVENING ON THE 22ND, AND DEPART FOR LONDON ABOUT MIDDAY ON THE 23RD.)

2. SECRETARY WOULD LIKE ASAP YOUR PERSONAL ASSESSMENT OF BOTH PRACTICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECTS OF SUCH A SWITCH, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO MOBUTU HIMSELF (BUT YOU SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT DISCUSS THIS WITH GOZ AT THIS POINT.

3. FYI: STOPOVER IN LUBUMBASHI ON 21ST AND 22ND STILL REMAINS UNDERACTIVE CONSIDERATION. IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY TO SLIP VISIT TO ZAIRE BY A DAY, HOWEVER, SECRETARY WOULD GREATLY PREFER A KINSHASA STOPOVER.
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